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RELATED ELECTRONIC PROGRAM GUIDE DATA ON
INTELLIGENT REMOTE DEVICES

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RENEA D. BREGGREN

DATED: OCTOBER 15, 2002

Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment which is being filed concurrently with a request for continued examination. The fee for an additional one (1) independent claim and four (4) dependent claims is being filed herewith. While it is believed that no additional extension of time or any other additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0439.

Entry of the amendment below and consideration of the remarks that follow is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

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31. (New) A method for displaying program information comprising:
upon occurrence of an event, sending a request for program guide data to a second information handling system from a first information handling system;
upon receiving the request, fetching even related program guide data;
transmitting the event related program guide data to the first information handling system; and
upon receiving the event related program guide data, displaying at least a portion of the even related program guide data on a first display of the first information handling system, wherein said event related program guide data on said first display corresponds to electronic program guide data displayed on a second display of said second information handling system.

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32. (New) The method as claimed in claim 31, wherein said first display includes a display of content and the display of electronic program guide data simultaneously.

33. (New) The method as claimed in claim 32, wherein the electronic program guide displayed on said first display of said first information handling system is displayed in at least one of a minimally invasive and minimally interfering manner.

34. (New) The method as claimed in claim 32, wherein the electronic program guide displayed on said first display of said first information handling system is displayed in a portion smaller than said display of content.

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35. (New) The method as claimed in claim 31, further comprising determining whether the event related program guide data is available in the first information handling system, and in the even the even related program guide data is not available, executing said sending step.